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TAGS: PINT PINS SF  
SUBJ: BPC ACCUSES SAG OF CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY BLACK  
CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT

REF: CAPE TOWN 1110

1. SUMMARY. THE BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION (BPC) HAS  
ACCUSED THE SAG OF A CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY THE BLACK  
CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT THROUGH BANNING THE LEADERS OF  
BPC AND SEVERAL ALLIED BLACK GROUPS. THE LATEST BANNING,  
(AND LATER DETENTION) OF BPC PUBLICITY SECRETARY THAMI  
ZANI, LEAVES THE BPC WITH ONLY TWO EXECUTIVES NOT IN  
CUSTODY OR BANNED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE BPC, ITS LEADERSHIP DECIMATED BY A SERIES OF  
BANNINGS AND DETENTIONS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1977,  
ACCUSED THE SAG JULY 12 OF LAUNCHING AN ALL-OUT  
ASSAULT ON THE BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT. AND,  
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A BPC SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY SAID, "WE CAN EXPECT THE  
BANNINGS TO CONTINUE." THE BANNING JULY 8 FOR FIVE  
YEARS OF BPC PUBLICITY SECRETARY THAMI ZANI, AND  
HIS SUBSEQUENT DETENTION JULY 14 FOR CONTRAVENING  
HIS BANNING ORDER) LEAVES PRESIDENT HLAKU RACHIDI AND  
VICE-PRESIDENT REV. DRAKE TSHENKENG AS THE ONLY  
BPC EXECUTIVES FREE TO ADMINISTER THE ORGANIZATION.

3. IN A PRESS REPORT ACCOMPANYING THE BPC STATEMENT, THE FOLLOWING WERE LISTED AS LEADERS OF BPC OR ALLIED BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN BANNED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR: 1) ZANI; 2) WINNIE MANDELA; 3) MONGEZI STOFILE, PAST SASO PRESIDENT; 4) SILUMKO SOKUPHA, SASO PERMANENT ORGANIZER; 5) SIBONGILE KUBHEKA, SASO SECRETARY-TYPIST; 6) JANE PHAKATHI, BLACK PARENTS ASSOCIATION (WHO HAS NOW FLED THE COUNTRY. PRETORIA 2019); 7) THENJIWE MTINTSO, UNION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS; 8) DR. MAMPHELE RAMPHELE, SUPERINTENDENT OF BPC-RUN ZANEMPILO CLINIC; 9) THOKO MPUMLWANA, BLACK COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES (BPC) RESEARCH OFFICER; 10) VISUMUZI MVELASE, BCP OFFICIAL; 11) MXOLISI MVOMVO, BCP OFFICIAL; 12) NSIDIMI PTYANA, WIFE OF EX-SASO PRESIDENT BARNEY PTYANA; 13) REV. SMANGALISO MKTHATSHWA, BPC OFFICIAL; 14) REV. EBENEZER MAQINA, BPC OFFICIAL; AND 15) THEMBANI PHANTSI, A BPC MEMBER. REV. BEN NGIDI, FORMER HEAD OF THE BCP OFFICE IN DURBAN, WHO WAS NOT NAMED IN THE REPORT, WAS DETAINED MAY 7, 1977 (DURBAN 295).

4. STEVE BIKO TOLD AN EMBOFF JULY 15 THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN THE REPORT AND WAS NOT AWARE WHO HAD ISSUED THE STATEMENT OR THE LIST, BUT HE CONFIRMED BCP FEELS THERE IS A CONSPIRACY AGAINST IT AND OTHER BLACK CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSCIOUSNESS ORGANIZATIONS. HE SAID ZANI'S BANNING ORDER BANISHED HIM TO DIMBAZA, A SMALL TOWNSHIP IN THE EASTERN CAPE, AND RESTRICTED HIM TO HIS HOME FROM 6 P.M. TO 6A.A. EVERY DAY. BIKO SAID ZANI HAD BEEN DETAINED JULY 14 ON CHARGES OF CONTRAVENING HIS BANNING ORDER AT A TIME HIS WIFE HAD VISITORS IN THEIR HOME. BIKO SAID HE WOULD COMPILE AN OFFICIAL BPC LIST OF THOSE DETAINED OR BANNED AND WILL FORWARD IT TO THE EMBASSY NEXT WEEK.  
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